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For immediate attention: emergency amendment to
§2B5.3, effective May 1, 2000

To recipients of the Guidelines Manual:

In response to legislation enacted by Congress, the Sentencing Commission has made significant changes to the guideline covering the criminal infringement of copyrights and trademarks, §2B5.3. These changes will take effect on May 1, 2000, under “emergency amendment authority” without the congressional review procedures normally required for promulgation of guideline amendments.

This document contains the emergency amendment to §2B5.3, as well as a statement of the reason for the amendment. This document, together with the 1998 Guidelines Manual (rust color), will constitute the operative Guidelines Manual effective May 1, 2000.

Publication of this document is the most cost effective and practical way to make the amendments available to you. Please contact the Commission if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

Diana E. Murphy
Chair